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Notes from KK4BK (Brian)

Dear SWARC members,

Thank you.

There are lots of them to go around.

Thank you to the board of directors: Steve and Paul kept the operating officers in check when needed. Steve also kept the emails straight for new and existing club members while Paul kept the SouthWakeARC.com website running smoothly.

Thank you to Christine who has for so many years kept the club's finances under control. That is a no small feat, I'm sure.

Thank you to Mike who served as the club secretary. He has kept the history of the club so that future generations of club members will have the ability to look back to find out why.... Additionally, Richard who has generated the club newsletter for as long as some of you have been around.



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Thank you Rodney. In my eyes, being the VP is a harder job than being the President. AND HE HAS DONE BOTH. (Richard too, as well as Secretary).

But mostly, thank you to the club members who elected me to lead the club through another year.

Key reminders:

June is club membership renewal.

June 11(best my memory serves) the South Wake club serves the Legion members dinner. We need 6 to 8 members to assist.

Field day is at the end of the month.

Raffle drawing is at the end of the month.

Reach out to someone you have not heard from in a while.

Oh yea... Elections are on June 3rd.

Thank you again for allowing me to be part of the South Wake club.

de KK4BK

Please remember our fellow hams and family members who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these folks.



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A phone call or text can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary, KO4LQX, and Kenny, KJ4CVK.

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports:

Good morning, Richard, I hope you and the gang are doing well.

Things are still about the same here and the steroids are turning me into a fidgety, wired nut, but they are helping with the inflammation so I guess I can't have it both ways.

Take care and thanks for asking about me and my ongoing challenges.

Gary

Kenny, KJ4CVK, is in an assisted living facility, in Lillington.

Notes from KO4ZFO (Rodney)

Just a reminder that the club will be furnishing the protein (aka meat) for the club meal during Field Day on the 27th. We will be at the co-working center again at 1000 N. Main Street. Stay tuned for more info



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on timing. Members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to accompany the meat dish.

We still have raffle tickets to sell and the drawing will be held at the club dinner.

We also have SWARC T-shirts available. You can contact me for availability. Stay safe and stay cool, and don't forget to check on your family and neighbors just to stay in touch.

Thank you again for your support and 73,

Rodney
KO4ZFO
South Wake ARC Vice-President

SWARC 6 MAY 2026 Meeting

As always, there were lots of food choices for everyone to partake of so no one should have left hungry, or it was their own fault!!!

Attendees: Dave, (NW3U), Brian (KK4BK), Janet (KB4JSK), Rodney (KO4ZFO), Steve (WB4SMS), Rich (KR4LH), Steve (NC4SW), Mike (KD4OKR), Christy (KJ4AEO), Bill (KK4QDZ), Steve (NC4SW), Erick



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(KR4KFI), Ken (KN4GUS), Phil (KZ4OE), Don (KN4OEY), Paul (KN4NGI), Rich (KZ4ET) and Jane, Rich (KR4JPP), Bernie (N4BAJ), John (KQ4VRJ), David (KQ4ZLK), and guests Ivan (KN4IWR), Richard (K3UI) and Bob (K4RKT).

MEETING TOPIC(s)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve (WB4SMS) at 7:00 pm and was followed by introductions around the room. President Brian discussed the upcoming elections, and Ken Castille mentioned an upcoming POTA opportunity where he was actively soliciting participants.

The program for the evening was our annual SKYWARN refresher training, conducted this evening by Virginia Enzor, NC4VA. Virginia's talk was informative as always. She challenged us to be weather-active in the sense of reporting events that meet criteria, even if it's after the fact. She also made us aware of an 'app' called 'mPing' that can be used for reporting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT



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Treasurer Christy provided her report for this newsletter. May had income of \$103.00 comprised of dues, raffle ticket sales and 50-50 cash. Expenses were \$341.54 for various fees and reimbursement to Brian for the canopy. Balance at end of month was \$2,653.17.

Public Service

To learn more about future events, you can go to <https://hpsnc.org/>. The public service season for 2026 is now in full swing!

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.

MEMBERSHIP

It is now time to renew your membership, if you have not already done so. You can pay at a meeting or send a check to the PO Box – OR ->

We currently have a link on our website which allows you to pay your dues or make a donation. Please let us know when you pay online by emailing me (Christy), so that I can ensure your payment is marked either for dues or a donation. The link for SWARC dues is:

https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://square.link/u/h0LLrbD6?src=sms/



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You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now renew online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

NET REPORT

If you are a net control, please try to document your check-ins so that we can justify the trustee's provision of the repeater for our nets and other uses. **This can be done only on scrap paper, that you provide, and no longer requires entry into the spreadsheet.**

- Sunday evenings - KR4LH
- Monday evenings - KO4ZFO
- Tuesday evenings – KD4OKR
- Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights – KD4MC
- Thursday evenings – KN4OEY
- Friday evenings - NC4MP
- Saturday evenings – KK4BK



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Welcome to new substitute net controllers: CD Murphy (KM4IJK), Bryant Byrd (KQ4UHZ), Al Kinnamon (WA3JJG), Navin Kalicharan (KF4LFW) and Mark McFarland (KD7AAG).

Please contact Brian Knox (KK4BK), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.



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LINKS (if you have other links that you want added, send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars.net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts

www.fivecountyhre.org

Ham Study (Exam Tools)

www.hamstudy.org



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Due to formatting issues, I will forward the most recent ARRL News to all members, regardless of your membership in ARRL or not!

The following comments and information are extracted from one of our NC Section Manager's recent monthly newsletters.

FIELD DAY

In order to emphasize skills and teamwork which would be needed during a disaster, ARRL established FIELD DAY as a nationwide training session.

Some operators view Field Day as a contest and seek to make as many contest as possible within a 24-hour period over the last weekend in June. Others view Field Day as an opportunity to set up one or more stations, using emergency power and temporary antennas. For some ham groups, becoming skilled in setting up stations that will be needed to provide communications when and where normal communications are disrupted, being asked to send simulated emergency messages emergency agencies and Red Cross.

Field Day is 2026 will be held from 18:00 UTC Saturday to 20:59 UTC Sunday (June 27-28, 2026).

ARRL has published rules as to transmitting power, publicity about



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Field Day, invitations to local officials and opportunities to have a GET ON THE AIR station so that persons without a license can learn about the excitement of operating and making contacts with other beginners while learning about disaster communications.

Clubs should make a special effort to get newly licensed hams on the air and to use their first Field Day as a learning experience that will stay with for as long as they remain interested in ham radio.

ARRL MATTERS:

PASS THE BILL

ARRL continues to urge the amateur radio community to follow through and do their part in urging Congress to pass legislation to overrule property-owner and home-owner association rules that prohibit installation of ham radio antennas within subdivisions.

If you haven't already participated in the PASS THE BILL campaign, you can go to the ARRL webpage for instructions on how to send a letter to your Member of the House and your US Senator. Go to <https://www.arrl.org/current-legislation>.

So, do not wait on indicating your support for the House and Senate bills backed by the ARRL. Follow the instruction is the link posted



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above and add your name to the letters going to your particular Representative and both your Senators.

PASS THE BILL!

YEAR OF THE CLUB – OPERATING AS W1AW/P4 DURING 2026

As part of ARRL's celebration of the 250th Anniversary of our country and to generate increased activity on the bands, ARRL has created a special Worked All States-250 Award which will be awarded to operators who make contact with stations in all 50 states during 2026.

Each state has been assigned two one week periods when stations in a particular state may be given permission to operate with the special callsign W1AW portable 4. North Carolina has been assigned operation beginning at 0000 UTC on a Wednesday, and ending at 2359 UTC on the following Tuesday. The two weeks assigned to North Carolina begin on April 1 as well as September 2.

Paul Raiche (N1XI) who lives in Ashe County has volunteered to be the NC Coordinator for the WAS-250 operation and he can approve use of W1AW/4 callsign. He has created a special email address for contacting him concerning operating during North Carolina's two weeks. He requests that you contact him at was250nc@gmail.com concerning available times, modes, and bands for operation.



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Please remember that ARRL has established particular rules for this year-long activity. You may request times, modes and bands by contacting Paul Raiche, but the approval of assignment are his responsibility and will be tracked in spreadsheet as to who has been assigned times to operate as W1AW/P4.

Rules for this operation have been set by ARRL and were not written by me or other NC operators.

- For example, a posting from ARRL stated “How many stations can be on at one time? Answer: Three (3) mode stations can be on every band (except 60 meters) at the same time. Example: For activations on say the 160, 80-, 40-, 30-, 20-, 17-, 15-, 12-, 10- and 6-meter bands – that is 10 bands X 3 modes = 30 stations can be on using the same W1AW/# call from your state at the same time. Adding 2m, plus 1.25m, 70cm, 33cm and 23cm, that’s 5 more bands x 3 modes = 15 bands stations – then add that to your first 30 band mode stations to get a total of 45 active stations on the air at the same time.”

- Only ARRL HQ staff at W1AW staff may add data to your log and ADI file for uploads to LOTW for WAS-250 contacts..

- Operators who have previously earned WAS are eligible to earn WAS-250.



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- There will be an on-the-air station operating from the Cleveland County Fairgrounds during both days of the Shelby Hamfest

BENEFITS TO YOU COMING FROM ARRL MEMBERSHIP

During the Charlotte Hamfest, I was asked what benefits come to hams and clubs by being a member for a club being affiliated with the ARRL. It did not take but a few seconds to answer these questions since this is part and parcel of what a Section Manager deals with as part of the job. The benefits are many and include:

- ARRL lobbying in Washington to protect amateur radio spectrum from efforts by other communications groups to have spectrum reallocated away from amateur use.
- ARRL works with international regulatory groups so that other countries do not allocate spectrum in ways that would cause harmful interference to amateur use.
- ARRL educational activities through publications, including books as well as technical magazines, as well as in-person educational activities about emerging technologies.
- ARRL services to amateur radio operators which include equipment



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and liability insurance.

- ARRL lab that provides unbiased evaluation of ham equipment to assure their proper technical operation.
- Support to local and state emergency management agencies by participating in ARES and Auxcomm activities through partnerships with FEMA, Red Cross and other groups.
- Engaging in activities to increase interest levels by young people in electronics, robotics, telecommunications, satellites and other technologies through programs that involve Scouts, school clubs and urging clubs to mentor young people about ham radio.
- Sharing revenues from ARRL dues when clubs partner with ARRL by signing up new members and helping existing members to renew their ARRL membership.
- ARRL's recent actions to provide financial support when increasing costs lead clubs seriously consider ending their support to local hamfests.
- ARRL offers hams technical support with its expertise by way of the Volunteer Monitor program to identify malicious interference, non-ham intruders on ham bands and by working with the FCC to seek



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enforcement actions against illegal operations.

ARRL's Field Organization involves volunteers in each of the 71 Section in the United States. The volunteers assist the Section Manager with a variety of tasks. These volunteer positions are enumerated at <https://www.arrl.org/field-organization> . I am looking for a couple of people to become involved in the operation of the North Carolina Section.

Read the job description for Technical Coordinator and for the Affiliated Club Coordinator. If the job description matches your skills and interests, please contact me so we can discuss an appointment.

UPCOMING AMATEUR RADIO EVENTS

- CARY SWAPFEST 07/18/2026 - 53rd Annual Cary Mid-Summer Swapfest, sponsored by the Cary Amateur Radio Club and held at Ritter Park, 301 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary.
- WSCARS HAMFEST, 07/25/2026. Sponsored by the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society held at the Smokey Mountain Event Center, 758 Crabtree Road, Waynesville. Information at <https://wcars-club.org/hamfest-annual/docs/hfnotice.pdf> .
- CAPE FEAR HAMFEST, August 8, sponsored by the Cape Fear Amateur



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Radio Society, held at the Cumberland County Shrine Club, 7040 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville. Information available soon.

- SHELBY HAMFEST 09/04/2026 - 09/05/2026, sponsored by the Shelby Amateur Radio Club, held at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. Large outdoor flea market, indoor and outdoor space for dealers, forums, license exams, food. Information at <https://shelbyhamfest.org/>.

- FIELD DAY PLANNING

It is not too early to begin planning for Field Day which is held annually on the last full weekend in June. Information can be found at <https://www.arrl.org/field-day> . This year the dates will be June 27-28.

Field Day gives hams an opportunity to get out in a park, using temporary antennas and solar, wind or generator power. Some groups use this as an opportunity to refresh their skills in emergency operations, others are avid contesters and still others just operate for a few hours and enjoy the comradery with fellow hams.

Information about rules, scoring points, and registering your Field Day site can be found at <https://www.arrl.org/field-day> .

Once the Field Day locator site is posted, visitors who want to learn about ham radio can find your club's Field Day operation. To the



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extent possible (because North Carolina is a very large state) your Roanoke Director and Vice Director, as well as the NC Section Manager and other Section personnel will be stopping at many Field Day sites.

- SILENT KEYS

When I learn of Silent Keys through a club newsletter or when someone sends a note that a friend, club member or family member has died I notify ARRL and request that the name and callsign of the ham be listed on the Silent Key page in QST. Feel free to let me know about Silent Keys so that I can make sure he or she is listed in QST.

Thanks to Ken Castille for providing the image below. You can contact him or Richard if you want a full-size pdf image.



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— SOUTH WAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB —

ANNUAL SUMMER FIELD DAY

OPERATE • LEARN • CONNECT

*Fun with radios,
friends, and community!*
Stop by anytime during
the event!

 **JUNE 27-28, 2026**
Starts Saturday at 2:00 PM
Ends Sunday at 2:00 PM
(24 Hours Continuous Operation)

 **FUQUAY COWORKING**
1000 S. Main St.
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

 **PUBLIC WELCOME!**
Stop by, say hello,
and see what amateur
radio is all about.

 **WHAT IS FIELD DAY?**
Field Day is an annual event
where hams set up temporary
stations in the field to test our
skills, our equipment, and our
ability to communicate in any
conditions.

- ✓ MAKE CONTACTS
- ✓ TRY HAM RADIO
- ✓ SEE COOL GEAR
- ✓ FAMILY FRIENDLY
- ✓ ALL AGES WELCOME

 **WHY AMATEUR RADIO?**

-  COMMUNITY SERVICE
-  EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
-  TECHNOLOGY & LEARNING
-  FRIENDSHIPS THAT SPAN THE GLOBE

 **QUESTIONS?**
Contact us!
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WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS...AMATEUR RADIO WORKS!